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Tacoma Dome Link Extension
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Project update

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TDLE is currently in the planning phase. The environmental review we began in 2019 is still ongoing, and we have developed some design refinements based on what we have learned so far. In November 2019, we shared an update on the route and station locations we are studying as well as some design concepts and visualizations (see the archived online open house). These routes and stations are formally designated as "alternatives." In most of the corridor, the Sound Transit Board identified one alternative as their top choice, known officially as the "preferred alternative" and other alternatives to study in the Draft EIS.

Now, we want to bring you up to speed on all the updates we have made since scoping in spring 2019 and our outreach in November 2019, based on community feedback, engineering feasibility, and collaboration with local tribes, agencies and jurisdictions. We shared this information in a presentation to the Sound Transit Board in May 2020, and we want to share it with you as well.

Service dates are based on pre-COVID-19 schedules and are subject to change. Click to enlarge the map (PDF).

Tacoma Dome Link Extension project timeline

Pre-COVID-19 Schedule

Schedule subject to changes resulting from the COVID-19 crisis and realignment

*Impacts from COVID-19 have impacted the environmental review process, both internally and with our planning partners. This has resulted in a potential shift of the opening date for TDLE from late 2030 into 2031. Schedules are based on limited design and engineering at this phase of project development. The opening date is subject to further change as the Sound Transit Board's realignment process determines which plans and timelines for voter-approved projects will need to change due to lower revenue projections, absent receiving alternative revenue.

2016 Voter Approval

2018-2023 Planning
- Alternatives development
- ST Board identifies preferred alternative
- **Draft Environmental Impact Statement (We are here)** ★
- **Final Environmental Impact Statement**
- **Preliminary design**
- **ST Board selects project to be built**
- **Federal Record of Decision**

2023-2025 Design
- **Final route design**
- **Final station designs**
- **Procure and commission station and public art**
- **Obtain land use and construction permits**
- **Property acquisition/relocation**

2025-2030 Construction
- **Conversations with property owners**
- **Groundbreaking**
- **Construction updates and mitigation**
- **Safely Education**
- **Testing and Preoperations**

2030 - 2031 Start of service*

Property owner and tenant coordination during COVID-19

Outreach Specialists are working to provide property owners and tenants in the TDLE corridor frequent updates, especially if the project could directly affect their property, home or business.

In the past, Outreach Specialists delivered flyers door to door and frequently met with property owners and tenants one-on-one. In light of COVID-19, Sound Transit is closely following state and city public health directives on social distancing. For the foreseeable future, our Outreach Specialists will continue corresponding with potentially affected property owners and tenants virtually or by phone.

Want to speak with a member of the project team? Contact us via the information in the need more info box.

Environmental Review 101

We are currently analyzing the TDLE project through a detailed review called a Draft Environmental Impact Statement. To begin an EIS process, the Sound Transit Board identifies the routes and station locations we should study and formally names them "alternatives." In most of the corridor, the Board identified one alternative as their top choice, known officially as the "preferred alternative," and other alternatives to study.

An EIS analyzes and documents all these alternatives and their potential impacts to the natural and built environment, and it identifies ways to mitigate unavoidable impacts. Through this process, we consider things like effects on historic and cultural resources, residential properties, businesses, communities, the local economy and other resources.

Need more information now?

Visit our project website for additional background information and resources. Sign up for email updates for all the latest news as the TDLE develops.

Have questions or want to schedule a briefing with a member of the project team?

Contact us via
Email: tdlink@soundtransit.org
Phone: 206-398-5453

Station design concepts and access planning

Light rail is a major investment in a community's mobility, and we want to ensure the investment maximizes functionality, accessibility and integration into each community light rail serves.

Over the past two years, Sound Transit has led a collaboration between planners, designers, engineers, local jurisdictions and community stakeholders to create preliminary station design concepts that support their surrounding communities' unique current and future needs. Design concepts include the station layout and transit connection infrastructure like bus transfer areas, bicycle storage, parking (options for a garage or surface parking at some stations) and pick-up/drop-off spaces.

Planning for non-motorized connections and access to stations

As part of station area planning, we're considering a variety of projects to create seamless connections between our new light rail stations at South Federal Way, Fife, Portland Avenue and Tacoma Dome and their surrounding neighborhoods. Whether you walk, bike or roll to your Link station, we will evaluate these non-motorized access projects with your convenience and safety in mind. Sound Transit's funding resources to implement these projects is limited, so the evaluation process will help us prioritize projects for each station area.

We want your feedback!

The station-specific pages that follow offer a preview of the station design concepts we are evaluating in our Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Here are two ways we need your help in this early stage of design:

- Share your thoughts on the station design concepts. Your feedback will help us refine our plans as the design process advances beyond the Draft EIS.
- Share your thoughts on potential projects that will promote your access to and from the station, especially on foot and via bicycle. Your ideas will help us and our local partners refine and evaluate our plans.

Please tell us what you think by Nov. 2nd!

- **South Federal Way**
- **Fife**
- **Portland Avenue**
- **Tacoma Dome**

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The preliminary draft is now available!

The draft plan is available to review and comment through March 31st. Click here to view the draft plan and to submit your comments. Please note that comments submitted after March 31st may not be considered in the development of the Preferred Alternative.

South Federal Way

Explore what we're studying in the South Federal Way segment

- Learn about the status of South Federal Way route and station alternatives
- Check out progress on South Federal Way station design concepts
- Share your feedback on South Federal Way route and station alternatives

Status of South Federal Way route and station alternatives

Station design concepts

- Kent Des Moines Station
- Midway Station
- South 272nd Street Station
- Federal Way Transit Center Station
- South 320th Street Station

Route

- At-Grade
- Aerial
- Tunnel

Draft plan is available for review and comment through March 31st.

Check out progress on South Federal Way station design concepts

- **Kent Des Moines Station**
  - Kent Des Moines Station Access Improvements
  - Kent Des Moines Station
- **Midway Station**
  - Midway Station
  - Park-and-Ride Expansion
  - Pacific Highway Station Improvements
- **South 272nd Street Station**
  - South 272nd Street Station
- **Federal Way Transit Center Station**
  - Federal Way Transit Center Station
- **South 320th Street Station**
  - South 320th Street Station

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Key design concepts common to all South Federal Way station options:

- **Bus transfer area** for riders to stop and wait for the start of the station platform in each direction
- **Kiss-and-ride area** for riders to be dropped off or picked up by private vehicles
- **Bicycle parking** at each station
- **Parking garage** for approximately 1,000 spaces at each station, except for the Midway Station option, which would have approximately 1,500 spaces
- **Pick-up/drop-off spaces** for short-term parking area near the station platform in a surface parking lot

The primary purpose of the station design concepts is to show how the station could be built and operated. Some of the features shown in the concepts could be built in the near term, while others may be built in the future as ridership grows. Some of the features shown in the concepts may be built by other projects, such as the Federal Way Transit Center Station concept.

Ways connect South Federal Way station design concepts

Click on options below to see design concepts

- Kent Des Moines Station
- S 272nd Street Station Option
- Midway Station

SR 99/22nd Avenue S Station

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SR 99/Dash Point Road Station

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SR 99/S 272nd Street Station Option

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SR 99/S 288th Street Station Option

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SR 99/S 320th Street Station

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How are your feedback: South Federal Way station

How often do you usually visit the South Federal Way area?

- Daily
- Once a week
- Once a month
- Once a month
- Less than once a month
- I don't visit the area

How would you like to access the future South Federal Way station (including the nearby station area)? Select all that apply.

- Bike
- Drive and park
- Drive to/be dropped off
- Walk
- Bus transfer/drop off area
- Bus connections or other mobility service
- Other – Write in:

Do you have input on the pathways in and out of South Federal Way station? Select all that apply and provide comments.

- SR 99/Kent Des Moines Station
- SR 99/S 272nd Street Station Option
- SR 99/Midway Station
- SR 99/S 288th Street Station Option
- SR 99/S 320th Street Station

Do you have comments on any of the station design concepts? Select a station alternative and comment.

- SR 99/Kent Des Moines Station
- SR 99/S 272nd Street Station Option
- SR 99/Midway Station
- SR 99/S 288th Street Station Option
- SR 99/S 320th Street Station

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Accessing South Federal Way station via non-motorized modes (walking, rolling and bicycling)

Sound Transit is committed to providing safe and convenient access for walking, rolling and cycling routes between the South Federal Way station and surrounding neighborhoods, businesses and destinations.

To help with this goal, we want to learn about non-motorized access improvement considerations and locations.

Please share your ideas for non-motorized improvements, potential partnerships and any concerns you have about access to the station.

Whether you walk, bike or roll to your ride services, we will evaluate these non-motorized access improvements and partnerships as we develop the station and work with the community and other key stakeholders.

Learn more about the potential South Federal Way Non-Motorized Access Improvement Projects.

Sound Transit is working with the City of Federal Way to identify potential non-motorized access improvements that could be made to the South Federal Way station area. Sound Transit is hosting a booth at Neighborhood Night Out and is providing a handout to provide input for each station area. Please provide your input here.

You may also submit ideas online for your information.

- Explore the map and station concepts in an online flip book
- Share comments and ideas about non-motorized access

Improving non-motorized access to transit

In addition to station design and options for motorized connectivity, Sound Transit is committed to improving non-motorized access to transit. Non-motorized access includes walking, rolling and bicycling to and from transit. Sound Transit is working with local jurisdictions, agencies and partners to identify non-motorized access improvement projects that help increase safe access to transit and improve the overall transit experience.

With our planning partners, we prepared non-motorized access plans for each station area. These plans identify projects that improve walking, rolling and bicycling safety and station area access. After the plans are completed, we work with our partners to:

- Share information
- Address community and network gaps
- Leverage funding and implement projects
- Support local jurisdictions' and agencies' initiatives and capital plans
- Advance racial equity

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Potential South Federal Way Non-Motorized Access Improvement Projects draft online

Please select which projects below you'd like to comment on.

Project Name	Project Type	Project Description
NT-1 S 352nd St and Enchanted Parkway E	Improvements at the intersection of Enchanted Parkway S and S 352nd Street to include: • Accessible pedestrian ramps throughout the intersection • Signal improvements to provide priority to pedestrians
NT-2 S 348th St and Enchanted Parkway S Intersection	Improvements at the intersection of Enchanted Parkway S and S 348th Street Access roundabout, including: • Pedestrian refuges • Lighted bicycle detection to ensure safe access to transit sidewalk • Crossing beacons at roundabout crossings
NT-3 Enchanted Parkway S and I-5 off-ramp Improvement	Improvements at the intersection of Enchanted Parkway S and I-5 southbound off-ramp, including pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements through the intersection
NT-4 Enchanted Parkway S and Willow Rd E Improvement	Improvements at the intersection of Enchanted Parkway S and Willow Rd E, including: • Bicycle facilities • Accessible pedestrian ramps throughout the intersection • Southbound bicycle lanes
NT-5 I-5 non-motorized bridge	Construct a non-motorized bridge over I-5 near Enchanted Parkway S.
NT-6 Weyerhaeuser Wetlands trail	Construct a multi-use path through West Campus Wetlands between South Federal Way Park and Rite Aid Traffic Signal No. 1.
NT-7 S 348th Street and Pacific Highway Improvement	Make improvements at the intersection of Pacific Highway and S 348th Street.
NT-8 S 348th Street and Enchanted Parkway Improvement	Make improvements at the intersection of Enchanted Parkway S and S 348th Street, including removing slip lanes to have vehicle access better turning, improving pedestrian safety
NT-9 S 348th Street path	Construct a bike connection between Enchanted Parkway S and S 348th Street
NT-10 S 348th Street sidewalk	Complete gaps in sidewalk on S 348th Street (both sides between Pacific Highway S and Enchanted Parkway S)
NT-11 16th Ave S sidewalks	Complete gaps in sidewalk on 16th Ave S (east side between S 359th Street and S 360th Way)
NT-12 S 356th Street/28th Ave S sidewalks	Complete gaps in sidewalk on S 356th Street/28th Ave S (both sides between Enchanted Parkway S and neighborhoods)
NT-13 Willow Road S sidewalks	Complete gaps in sidewalk on Willow Road S (east side between Enchanted Parkway S and S 348th Street)
NT-14 SR 99 Off-ramp Improvements	Construct bicycle lanes on SR 161, Willow Rd S (southbound), and 24th Ave S/A St NW.
NT-15 Enchanted Parkway S bicycle facilities	Construct separated bicycle facilities with landscape buffer on Enchanted Parkway S between S 348th Street and 24th Way S.
NT-16 Pacific Highway S Bike facilities	Construct separated bicycle facilities with landscape buffer on Pacific Highway S between S 348th Street and S 359th Street
NT-17 S 348th Street bike lanes	Construct bicycle lanes on S 348th Street between SR 99 and I-5.

Which non-motorized project(s) would help you best access the station?

Are there any other improvements or access challenges that you would like us to consider? Share location, specific issues, and/or type of improvement.

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Potential South Federal Way Non-Motorized Access Improvement Projects

Join the conversation
Share your ideas, ask questions, and connect with your community.
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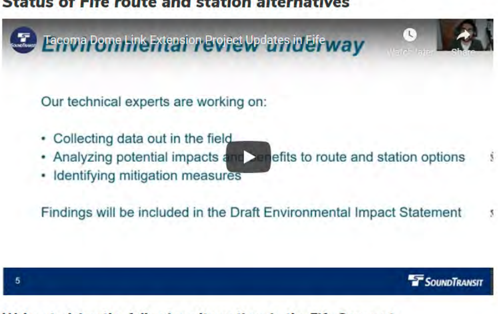
Fife

Explore what we're studying in the Fife segment

- Learn about the status of Fife route and station alternatives
- Weigh in on Fife station design concepts
- Share your thoughts on Fife station non-motorized access projects

We're studying these Fife route and station alternatives in the Draft EIS. Click to enlarge Fife segment map (PDF)

Status of Fife route and station alternatives



We're studying the following alternatives in the Fife Segment:

Routes

- (Preferred) Fife alternative
- Fife Pacific Highway
- Fife I-5
- Fife Median

Station

- Fife Station

Follow along with recent design refinements in Fife

Since scoping in spring 2019, we made adjustments to the **Fife I-5** and **Fife Pacific Highway** route alternatives. These shifts mainly occur between 54th Avenue East, heading west toward Willow Road East. The curve of the **Fife Pacific Highway** route alternative was adjusted to the east to keep the alignment out of the intersection at Pacific Highway East and Willow Road East as much as possible. This adjustment results in fewer property impacts and also removes the need to rebuild the intersection to maintain the left turn movements. This adjustment will also allow for an increased train speed on the elevated rail from 40 mph to 45 mph in the area.

The Fife I-5 route includes an adjustment to the section of the route crossing over Pacific Highway East between the **Fife Station** and the segment where the alignment runs parallel along I-5. This adjustment creates more distance between the tracks and nearby properties and decreases the number of property impacts in the area.

We are also studying a route alternative on Pacific Highway East called the **Fife Pacific Highway Median Alternative,** or Fife Median for short. The alignment for this alternative is elevated along Pacific Highway East in the existing center turn lane.

Check out progress on the Fife station design concepts

A closer look at the area around Fife Station. | Click to enlarge map (PDF)

Key station design concept components of the Fife station include:

- **Bus transfer area:** Six bus stops located north of the station platform for easy transit connections
- **Bicycle storage:** Racks and lockers located under the station platform
- **Parking facility (options for a garage or surface parking):** Proposed location for garage located north of the station platform; Proposed location for surface parking located primarily north of the station and some east
- **Pick-up/drop-off spaces:** Short-term parking areas located on a new local access street west of the station

The following station design concepts show how people may get to the station by bicycle (in green), as a pedestrian (in blue) and by bus (in red). Check out the diagrams, then share your comments on how people will come and go from the station as well as the station design concepts themselves.

Growing a city center in Fife

The City of Fife has been laying the groundwork for a new City Center since 2008, focusing on a location north of I-5 and near 54th Avenue, which would be served by the Fife station.

The City's vision for this new core is to be a walkable, high-density urban neighborhood with a mix of residential, entertainment and business uses—a place that supports transit-oriented development. The long-term vision for the City Center will be realized over time.

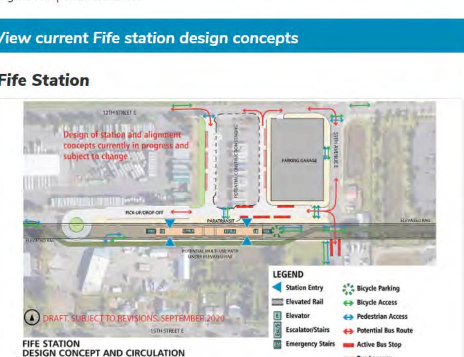
Here are a few aspects to consider:

- The first new transit-oriented development projects will set the tone and build momentum for the projects that follow.
- The City plans to reduce block size and improve walkability, including creating better multi-modal connections between key destinations.
- The City plans to make investments, and seek partnerships, to deliver local community spaces and infrastructure, such as parks, that will help create a neighborhood that's welcoming to residents and visitors.

Learn more about the City Center at the City of Fife's website.

View current Fife station design concepts

Fife Station



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Give us your feedback: Fife station

How often do you usually visit the Fife area?

- ○ Daily
- ○ Once a week
- ○ Every other week
- ○ Once a month
- ○ Less than once a month
- ○ I never visit this area

How would you like to access the future Fife station including the nearby station area? Select all that apply:

- ☐ Bike
- ☐ Drive and park
- ☐ Take a bus or other transit
- ☐ Walk
- ☐ Use pick-up/drop-off area
- ☐ Use a wheelchair or other mobility device
- ☐ Other - Write In

Do you have input on the pathways in and out of Fife station?

Do you have comments on the station design concept?

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Accessing Fife station via non-motorized modes (walking, rolling and bicycling)

To provide access for all future riders, we want to make sure there are safe and convenient walking, rolling and cycling routes between the Fife station and neighborhoods, businesses and community gathering places.

- The map and table show potential non-motorized access improvements for consideration and evaluation.
- Some non-motorized access improvements combine pedestrian and bicycle improvements, while others are only one or the other.

Whether you walk, bike or roll to your Link station, we will evaluate these non-motorized access projects with your convenience and safety in mind. Explore the map, leave comments and offer new ideas.

Learn more about the potential Fife Non-Motorized Access Improvement Projects

We are considering the following non-motorized access improvement projects for the Fife station. Sound Transit's funding resources to implement these projects is limited, so the evaluation process will help us prioritize projects for each station area. Comment on as many or as few as you prefer.

The map and table below convey the same information.

- Explore the map and share comments in an online discussion
- View projects as a table and submit comments

Evaluating non-motorized access projects

In addition to connecting each station to its immediate surroundings, Sound Transit has allocated funding resources to contribute to projects that improve walking, rolling and bicycling access within each station area, to be distributed across the 10-mile Tacoma Dome Link Extension corridor. Because Sound Transit's resources for these projects are limited, we expect to work with our project partners to secure full funding and implement these projects.

With our planning partners, we prepared initial ideas for access projects in each station area by identifying existing gaps and barriers to walking, rolling and bicycling within each station area. After we consider your feedback, we'll evaluate and prioritize projects at each station using criteria that reflect the following objectives:

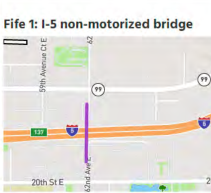
- Grow ridership
- Improve connectivity and network access
- Improve safety and human health
- Optimize customer experience
- Advance social equity

Potential Fife Non-Motorized Access Improvement Projects (full table)

Please select which projects below you'd like to comment on.

Project Name | Project Type | Project Description

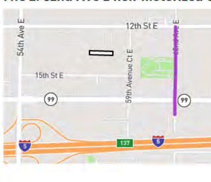
Fife 1: I-5 non-motorized bridge



Construct a non-motorized bridge of I-5 at 62nd Ave E

☐ I like this project
☐ I'd like to comment

Fife 2: 62nd Ave E non-motorized connection

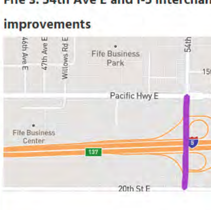


Construct a north-south pedestrian and bicycle connection along 62nd Ave E between proposed I-5 non-motorized bridge, proposed SR 167 Trail connection and 12th Street E, including:

- signalized non-motorized crossing at 62nd Ave E and Pacific Highway E
- bike lanes along 62nd Ave E between bridge and 12th Street E

☐ I like this project
☐ I'd like to comment

Fife 3: 54th Ave E and I-5 interchange improvements

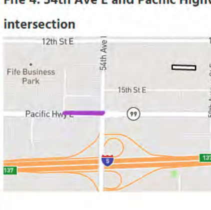


Improve the crossing of I-5 at the 54th Ave E interchange, between Pacific Highway E and 20th St E, to provide access across I-5 for non-motorized users, including:

- east and west side sidewalks
- separate crossing or potential reconfiguration of the intersections at the freeway ramps
- bicycle lanes
- bicycle safety improvements through the intersections

☐ I like this project
☐ I'd like to comment

Fife 4: 54th Ave E and Pacific Highway intersection

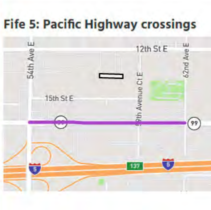


Make improvements at and near the intersection of Pacific Highway E and 54th Ave E, including:

- sidewalks along the north side of Pacific Highway to 52nd Ave E
- a pedestrian safety island
- bicycle lanes on Pacific Highway
- bicycle safety improvements through the intersections

☐ I like this project
☐ I'd like to comment

Fife 5: Pacific Highway crossings

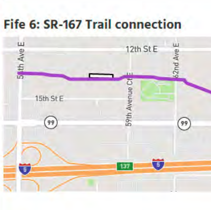


Construct signalized crossings on Pacific Highway E at future through-streets in City Center area

☐ I like this project
☐ I'd like to comment

To ensure we receive your comments, don't forget to click "Submit" at the bottom of this survey!

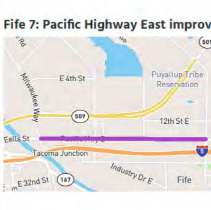
Fife 6: SR-167 Trail connection



Construct a new east-west trail along the light rail route from the proposed SR-167 Trail west of the SR-167 extension to 54th Ave E, including crossing beacons at 59th Ave E and 62nd Ave E

☐ I like this project
☐ I'd like to comment

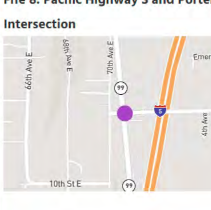
Fife 7: Pacific Highway East improvements



Add pedestrian and bicycle improvements along Pacific Highway East from the Fife/Tacoma City Limit to 54th Ave E (Connects to project PA 9 on the Portland Avenue Station project list)

☐ I like this project
☐ I'd like to comment

Fife 8: Pacific Highway S and Porter Way Intersection

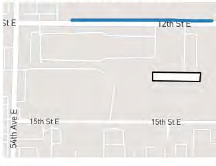


Make improvements at the intersection of Pacific Highway S and Porter Way, including:

- Sidewalks
- A pedestrian safety island
- Bicycle safety improvements through the intersection

☐ I like this project
☐ I'd like to comment

Fife 9: 12th Street E sidewalks



Complete gaps in sidewalk on 12th Street E (north side, between 54th Ave E and 59th Ave E).

☐ I like this project
☐ I'd like to comment

Fife 10: 15th Street E sidewalks

Complete gaps in sidewalk on 15th Street E (both sides, between 54th Ave E and 59th Ave E)

☐ I like this project
☐ I'd like to comment

Fife 11: 59th Ave E bike lanes

Construct bicycle lanes on 59th Ave E

☐ I like this project
☐ I'd like to comment

Which non-motorized project(s) would help you best access the station?

Are there any other improvements or access challenges that you would like us to consider? Share location, specific issue, and/or type of improvement.

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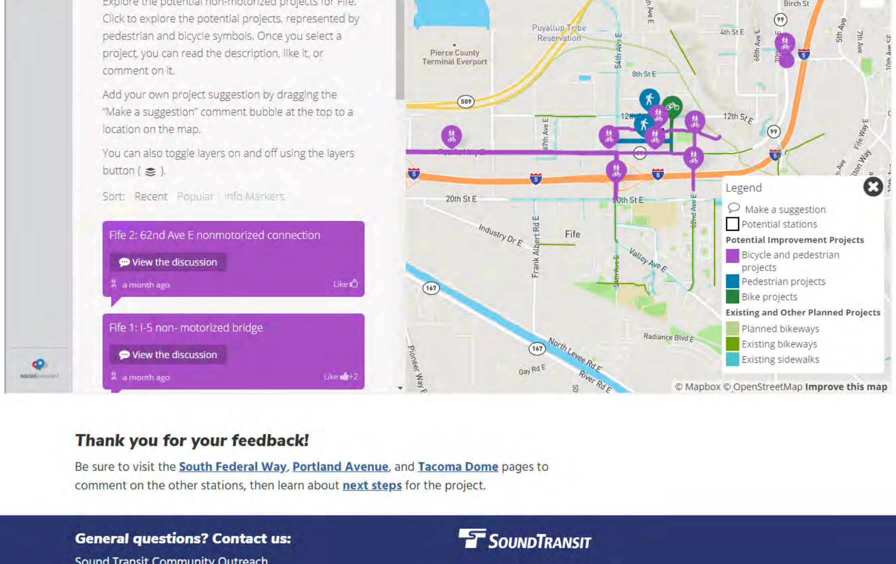

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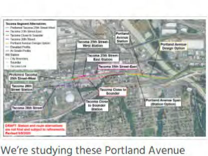
- Weigh in on Portland Avenue station design concepts
- Share your thoughts on Portland Avenue station non-motorized access projects



We're studying these Portland Avenue route and station alternatives in the Draft EIS. Click to enlarge map (PDF)

Status of Portland Avenue route and station alternatives

The Tacoma Segment of the project will have two stations: at Portland Avenue and the Tacoma Dome. We're studying the following alternatives in the Portland Avenue area:

Routes

- (Preferred) Tacoma 25th Street-West
- Portland Avenue Design Option

Stations

- Portland Avenue Station
- Portland Avenue Span Station Option

Follow along with our recent design refinements near the Portland Avenue station area

We are studying two Puyallup River bridge types: one design that would clear-span the river and another with bridge support piers in the river.

- The clear-span design includes a 560-foot span that is elevated about 60 feet above the level of the northernmost I-5 bridge.
- The in-river pier design requires two piers in the river, the bridge would be elevated 10 feet above the level of the current I-5 bridge (which is scheduled for removal as part of the I-5 HOV lane project).

Check out progress on the Portland Avenue station design concepts

A closer look at the Portland Avenue station area. | Click to enlarge map (PDF)

Key station design concept components of the Portland Avenue station include:

- **Bus transfer area:** Four bus stops beneath or near the station platform for easy transit connections
- **Bicycle storage:** Racks and lockers located under the station platform
- **Pick-up/drop-off spaces:** Short-term parking areas located near the station platform

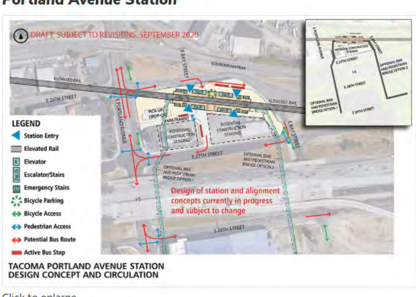
The following station design concepts show how people may get to the station by bicycle (in green), as a pedestrian (in blue) and by bus (in red). Check out the diagrams, then share your comments on how people will come and go from the station as well as the station design concepts themselves.

View current Portland Avenue station design concepts

Click an option below to see design concepts

- Portland Avenue Station
- Portland Avenue Span Station Option

Portland Avenue Station



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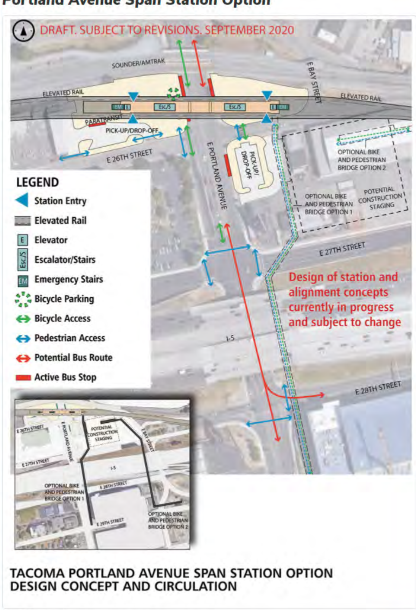

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Give us your feedback: Portland Avenue station

How often do you usually visit the Portland Avenue area?

- ○ Daily
- ○ Once a week
- ○ Every other week
- ○ Once a month
- ○ Less than once a month
- ○ I never visit this area

How would you like to access the future Portland Avenue station including the nearby station area? Select all that apply:

- ☐ Bike
- ☐ Drive and park
- ☐ Take a bus or other transit
- ☐ Walk
- ☐ Use pick-up/drop-off area
- ☐ Use a wheelchair or other mobility device
- ☐ Other - Write In

Do you have input on the pathways in and out of Portland Avenue station? Select a station alternative and comment

Portland Avenue Station

Portland Avenue Span Station Option

Do you have comments on any of the station design concepts? Select a station alternative and comment.

Portland Avenue Station

Portland Avenue Span Station Option

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Accessing Portland Avenue station via non-motorized modes (walking, rolling and bicycling)

To provide access for all future riders, we want to make sure there are safe and convenient walking, rolling and cycling routes between the Portland Avenue station and neighborhoods, businesses and community gathering places.

- The map and table show potential non-motorized access improvements for consideration and evaluation.
- Some non-motorized access improvements combine pedestrian and bicycle improvements, while others are only one or the other.

Whether you walk, bike or roll to your Link station, we will evaluate these non-motorized access projects with your convenience and safety in mind. Explore the map, leave comments and offer new ideas.

Learn more about the potential Portland Avenue Non-Motorized Access Improvement Projects

We are considering the following non-motorized access improvement projects for the Portland Avenue station. Sound Transit's funding resources to implement these projects is limited, so the evaluation process will help us prioritize projects for each station area. Comment on as many or as few as you prefer.

The map and table below convey the same information.

- Explore the map and share comments in an online discussion
- View projects as a table and submit comments

Industry and entertainment at Portland Avenue

The Portland Avenue area is a bustling confluence for a number of activities—at the crossroads between the Port of Tacoma, Downtown Tacoma, Fife, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians' core services area, and Tacoma's Eastside neighborhoods. Although outside the port itself, this area is part of the Port of Tacoma Manufacturing and Industrial Center and is an important corridor for access to I-5. It is also a growing entertainment and hospitality center with the opening of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians' new Emerald Queen Casino and Hotel just south of I-5, where there is also a designated mixed-use center, business district and residential community.

The Portland Avenue station is located in the City of Tacoma's Tideflats Subarea Plan study area. The City is currently preparing this plan in conjunction with the Port of Tacoma, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Pierce County and the City of Fife. The plan will address issues related to the Manufacturing and Industrial Center, land use regulations, the environment, economy, public services and facilities and transportation.

Learn more about the Tideflats Subarea Plan at the City of Tacoma's website.

In addition, the City established a TOD Advisory Group in 2019 to help inform the design and development of significant transit projects throughout the city, including at the Portland Avenue Station. To learn more about their work, visit the City of Tacoma's TOD Advisory Group website.

Evaluating non-motorized access projects

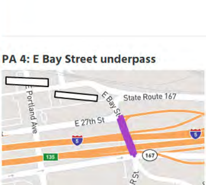
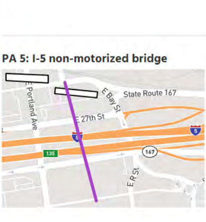
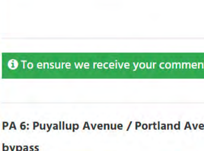
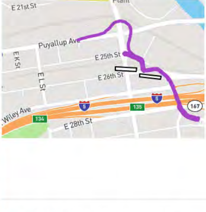
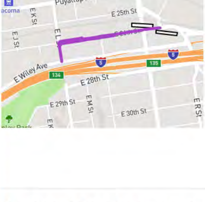
In addition to connecting each station to its immediate surroundings, Sound Transit has allocated funding resources to contribute to projects that improve walking, rolling and bicycling access within each station area, to be distributed across the 10-mile Tacoma Dome Link Extension corridor. Because Sound Transit's resources for these projects are limited, we expect to work with our project partners to secure full funding and implement these projects.

With our planning partners, we prepared initial ideas for access projects in each station area by identifying existing gaps and barriers to walking, rolling and bicycling within each station area. After we consider your feedback, we'll evaluate and prioritize projects at each station using criteria that reflect the following objectives:

- Grow ridership
- Improve connectivity and network access
- Improve safety and human health
- Optimize customer experience
- Advance social equity

Potential Portland Avenue Non-Motorized Access Improvement Projects (full table)

Please select which projects below you'd like to comment on.

Project Name	Project Type	Project Description
PA 1: Puyallup Avenue and Portland Avenue intersection 	Pedestrian, Bicycle	Make improvements at the intersection of Puyallup Avenue and Portland Avenue, including: • improve east and west leg crosswalks • sidewalks • bicycle safety improvements through the intersection ☐ I like this project ☐ I'd like to comment
PA 2 (A&B): Portland Avenue crossings 	Pedestrian, Bicycle	Construct signalized crossings on Portland Avenue at E 25th Street and/or E 26th Street ☐ I like this project ☐ I'd like to comment
PA 3: Portland Avenue underpass 	Pedestrian, Bicycle	Make pedestrian and bicycle improvements in the I-5 underpass at Portland Avenue, including: • sidewalks • lighting • noise barriers • bicycle facilities • intersection improvements at E 27th Street and E 28th Street ☐ I like this project ☐ I'd like to comment
PA 4: E Bay Street underpass 	Pedestrian, Bicycle	Make pedestrian and bicycle improvements in the I-5 underpass at E Bay Street, including: • sidewalks • lighting • noise barriers • bicycle facilities ☐ I like this project ☐ I'd like to comment
PA 5: I-5 non-motorized bridge 	Pedestrian, Bicycle	Construct a non-motorized bridge over I-5 near Portland Avenue or East R Street / East Bay Street ☐ I like this project ☐ I'd like to comment

To ensure we receive your comments, don't forget to click "Submit" at the bottom of this survey!

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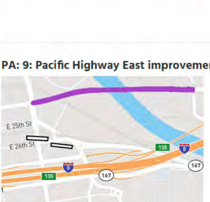
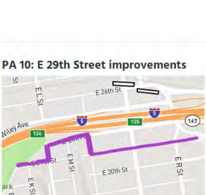
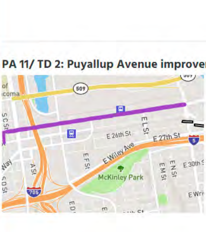
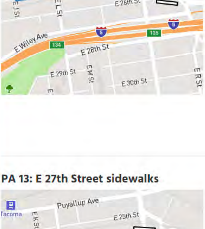
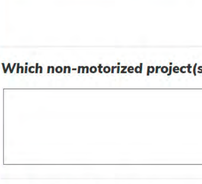
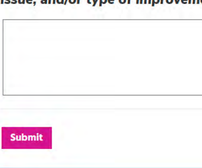
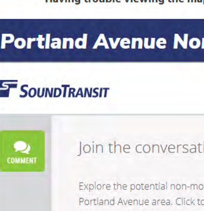
PA 6: Puyallup Avenue / Portland Avenue bypass 	Pedestrian, Bicycle	Add bicycle and pedestrian bypass around the Puyallup Avenue/Portland Avenue intersection from Puyallup Avenue and E N Street connecting under Portland Avenue. Complete gaps in sidewalk and add bicycle facilities on Bay Street/East S Street between Puyallup Avenue and the E 29th Street roundabout ☐ I like this project ☐ I'd like to comment
PA 7: E 26th Street improvements 	Pedestrian, Bicycle	Complete gaps in sidewalk and add bicycle facilities on E 26th Street (both sides, between Bay Street and L Street) and on E L Street between E 26th Street and E 27th Street. ☐ I like this project ☐ I'd like to comment
PA 8: Portland Avenue improvements 	Pedestrian, Bicycle	Make improvements on Portland Avenue from Puyallup Avenue to E 40th Street/Pipeline Trail, including: • add bicycle facilities • add/upgrade sidewalks and construct ADA ramps • add/improve crossings ☐ I like this project ☐ I'd like to comment
PA: 9: Pacific Highway East improvements	Pedestrian, Bicycle	Add pedestrian and bicycle improvements along Pacific Highway East and Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge from Portland Avenue to City of Tacoma City Limits (Connects to project Fife 7 on the Fife project list) ☐ I like this project ☐ I'd like to comment
PA 10: E 29th Street improvements 	Pedestrian, Bicycle	Add sidewalks and bicycle facilities on E 29th Street (with jog to E 28th St via E L St and back via E N St) from McKinley Park to the E 29th Street roundabout ☐ I like this project ☐ I'd like to comment
PA 11/ TD 2: Puyallup Avenue improvements	Pedestrian, Bicycle	Make improvements to Puyallup Avenue/S 24th Street between S C Street and Portland Avenue, including: • upgrade sidewalks • improve all signalized crossings with ADA improvements, crosswalks and signal enhancements • add crossings (midblock or at intersections), as needed • add bicycle facilities • add bicycle/pedestrian connection to the Water Flume Line Trail (and future Prairie Line Trail extension) on S Holgate Street between S 24th Street and S 25th Street ☐ I like this project ☐ I'd like to comment
PA 12: E 25th Street sidewalks 	Pedestrian	Complete gaps in sidewalk on E 25th Street (both sides, between Portland Avenue and J Street) ☐ I like this project ☐ I'd like to comment
PA 13: E 27th Street sidewalks 	Pedestrian	Complete gaps in sidewalk on E 27th Street (north side, between Bay Street and L Street) ☐ I like this project ☐ I'd like to comment
PA 14: E 28th Street sidewalks 	Pedestrian	Complete gaps in south sidewalk and improve existing sidewalks on E 28th Street (between Bay Street and East N Street) ☐ I like this project ☐ I'd like to comment

Which non-motorized project(s) would help you best access the station?

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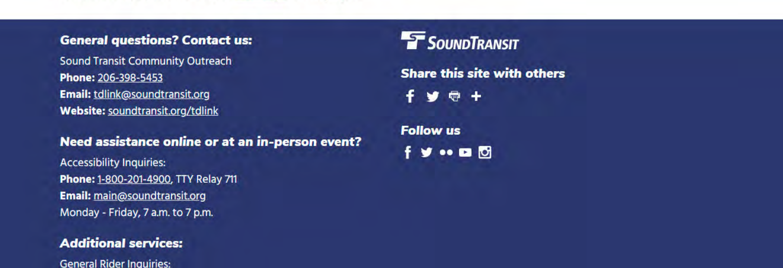

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The COVID-19 crisis is greatly reducing the business Sound Transit Link can serve to support our regional vision for growth. Sound Transit is responding to the crisis by reducing service to match ridership, adjusting capital projects to address safety and resiliency, and developing a financial plan to ensure long-term sustainability. Ultimately, Tacoma Dome will be necessary, with ridership due to local workforce projections. Learn more about our investment process at soundtransit.org/covid19.

Tacoma Dome

Explore what we're studying in the Tacoma Dome station area in the Tacoma segment

- Learn about the project: Purpose, Need, Goals and Objectives and Environmental Process
- Weigh in on Tacoma Dome station design concepts
- Share your thoughts on Tacoma Dome station area and non-motorized access improvements

Status of Tacoma Dome route and station alternatives

Environmental review underway

- Our technical experts are working on:
  - Evaluating station locations
  - Analyzing potential impacts
  - Identifying mitigation measures
- Public comment on route and station options

Findings will be included in the Draft EIS

The Tacoma Segment of this project will have two stations at Federal Way and the Tacoma Dome. We're studying the following alternatives in the Tacoma Dome area:

Stations

- [Preferred] Tacoma 26th Street Station
- Tacoma Dome Station
- Tacoma 26th Street East
- Tacoma 26th Street

Routes

- [Preferred] Tacoma 26th Street West Station
- Tacoma Dome to Sounder Station
- Tacoma 26th Street East Station
- Tacoma 26th Street Station

Check out progress on the Tacoma Dome station design concepts

Click on option below to see design concepts

- Tacoma Dome Station
- Tacoma Dome to Sounder Station
- Tacoma 26th Street East Station
- Tacoma 26th Street Station

Tacoma 26th Street West Station

Tacoma 26th Street West Station
Tacoma Dome Station
Tacoma Dome to Sounder Station
Tacoma 26th Street East Station
Tacoma 26th Street Station
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Next steps for station planning

Thanks for previewing our station design concept and access work. We'll share more updates as we continue to advance the preliminary design.

- Your ideas on how to improve access to Link stations will help Sound Transit and our local partners develop and evaluate access projects to address your concerns.
- We'll report back on these projects in the coming months, so sign up to follow along.

To learn more about the different types of fieldwork activities we may conduct in your neighborhood, check out our fact sheet.

Learn more about the upcoming Draft EIS

An Environmental Impact Statement, or EIS for short, provides agencies, tribes and the public an understanding of a project's potential impacts to the natural and built environment, and it identifies ways to mitigate unavoidable impacts. Through this process, we analyze each alternative and design option, considering things like effects on historic and cultural resources, residential properties, businesses, communities, the local economy and other resources.

The project is now in environmental review. In the near future, we expect to publish the Draft EIS, at which time we'll also invite the public, agencies and tribes to provide formal comments.

We'll then conduct a Final EIS, which will include updates as needed, further evaluation of preferred alternatives identified by the Board following comments on the Draft EIS, and of the other alternatives considered in the Draft EIS. The Final EIS will also include responses to all public, agency, and tribal comments submitted on the Draft EIS.

After publication of the Final EIS, the Sound Transit Board will select the project to be built, informed by the EIS analyses and public, tribal and agency comments.

What do we study in a Draft EIS?

- Acquisitions, displacements and relocations
- Air quality
- Economics including Impacts to businesses
- Ecosystems
- Electromagnetic fields
- Energy
- Environmental justice
- Geology and soils
- Hazardous materials
- Historic and archaeological resources
- Land use
- Noise and vibration
- Parks and recreational resources
- Public services, safety and security
- Social impacts, community facilities and neighborhoods
- Transportation (traffic, freight, navigation, transit, non-motorized)
- Utilities
- Visual and aesthetics
- Water resources

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